SUSPICIONS?

Is it true that former CIA Director William Colby was paid $1000 *not* to lecture on a New York campus recently?

In a manner of speaking, yes. After the speakers committee at Ithaca College (in Ithaca, N. Y.) signed a $2000 contract with Colby's lecture agency, students who disliked Colby's politics convinced the student congress to rescind the invitation. That, of course, did not rescind the contract, but Colby settled for half the amount.

The FBI has said it's so backed up with requests for personal files that citizens face a nine-month wait. Isn't that against the law as expressed in the Freedom of Information Act?

The courts have agreed, and this summer the FBI assigned 200 agents to help move the backlog of paper. Current wait: about 60 days.

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